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**REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF INVENTORSHIP UNDER  
37 C.F.R. 1.48(b) AND SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION DATA SHEET**

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the above-referenced application be amended by deleting the following inventors:

Masaru TAKESHIGE, Saitama, Japan;

Akira SUGIYAMA, Kanagawa, Japan;

Keiji KUNII, Tokyo, Japan; and

Masanao ABE, Saitama, Japan.

Accordingly, only **Minoru MATSUSHITA, Kikuo IWASAKA, Tadashi**

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KASAI and Hideo NANBA remain as inventors in the present application.

All of the listed inventors were correctly listed when the application was filed. A Restriction requirement was issued by the Examiner on August 9, 2002. Pursuant to the restriction requirements, claims 22-37 were withdrawn from consideration as not being readable on the elected invention. In the Examiner's Amendment dated January 12, 2004, claims 22-37 were canceled.

The present application was allowed on January 12, 2004 and contained only claims 2-14 and 16-21.

Upon receipt and review of the Notice of Allowance and allowed claims, it was determined that only Minoru MATSUSHITA, Kikuo IWASAKA, Tadashi KASAI and Hideo NANBA contributed to the invention defined in claims 2-14 and 16-21.

Since the correct inventors were named in the application as originally filed, and this amendment has been diligently made as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.48(b), Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as discussed above.

Furthermore, to ensure correct listing of the inventors, an application data sheet has been attached listing the correct inventors for the present application in view of the Request for Correction of Inventorship filed concurrently herewith.

This request is accompanied by a check including the fee of \$130.00 set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i), and as accordingly is in full compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.48(b).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should there be any questions or comments regarding the foregoing, please contact the undersigned at the below listed number.

Respectfully submitted,  
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